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DEPT PASS AFOSR, DR. MACY

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: TGEN, AR (SCHUMACHER, DR. KURT)

SUBJ: AIR FORCE RESEARCH, CONTRACT WITH DR. KURT SCHUMACHER,

1. EMBASSY SCICOUN HAS BEEN INFORMED BY DR. KURT SCHUMACHER, LONG- TIME AFOSR CONTRACTOR AT UNIVERSITY OF LA PLATA, THAT HE HAS BEEN FORCED TO LEAVE UNIVERSITY, LARGELY ON BASIS OF ACCUSATIONS OF COOPERATION WITH UNITED STATES. SCHUMACHER IS LOCKED OUT OF OWN OFFICE, THUS UNABLE TO COMPLETE REPORTS REQUIRED BY CONTRACT. HE ALSO STATES UNIVERSITY PLANNING INVESTIGATE HIM AND AFOSR CONTRACT WHICH THEY CONTEND MADE VALUABLE RESULTS AVAILABLE TO US AIR FORCE.

2. SCHUMACHER OBVIOUSLY DISTRAUGHT, BUT EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO DOUBT BASIC ACCURACY OF HIS STATEMENTS. ARGENTINE UNIVERSITIES ARE CURRENTLY IN TURMOIL WITH CONTROL OF MANY FACULTIES HAVING PASSED TO LEFTIST- ORIENTED OFFICIALS AND WITH CONTINUING CONFLICT BETWEEN MODERATES AND GROUP DEMANDING MORE EXTREME " REVOLUTIONARY" ORIENTATION. DISMISSALS AND RESIGNATIONS OF FACULTY MEMBERS HAVE OCCURRED IN NUMBER OF OTHER CASES, BESIDES THAT OF DR. SCHUMACHER. INTERESTINGLY, DR. SCHUMACHER, WHO ALSO HOLDS PROFESSORSHIP IN SCIENCE FACULTY OF UNIVERSITY OF BUENOS AIRES, HAS OFFERED RESIGNATION THERE, BUT HAS BEEN ASKED BY NEW AUTHORITIES TO RECONSIDER AND STAY ON. HE STILL UNDECIDED WHETHER TO DO SO.

3. SCHUMACHER HAS REQUESTED A LETTER FROM US AIR FORCE STATING
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THAT CONTRACT TERMINATED AS OF JUNE 1, 1973. HE CONTENTS THAT HE WISHES CONTRACT TERMINATED BY US ACTION, SO THAT "THEY" CANNOT CANCEL

IT. HE MAY ALSO FEEL THAT EVIDENCE OF TERMINATION WILL IMPROVE HIS OWN SITUATION, BUT EMBASSY DOUBTS THIS IS IMPORTANT PART OF HIS MOTIVATION, SINCE CIRCUMSTANCES HE RELATES SUGGEST THAT HIS REMOVAL IS IRREVERSIBLE. EMBASSY RECORDS DO NOT ESTABLISH TERMINATION DATE OF CONTRACT, AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT IT MAY NOT BE FEASIBLE TERMINATE IT ON EX POST FACTO BASIS ON DATE WHICH DOES NOT CORRESPOND

TO ESTABLISHED TERMINATION DATE. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER SUCH TERMINATION FEASIBLE, OR OTHER ALTERNATIVES WHICH MIGHT INDICATE INACTIVITY OF CONTRACT AS OF DATE PROPOSED BY SCHUMACHER. IF CONTRACT TERMINATION FEASIBLE, REQUEST THAT LETTER TO HIS EFFECT ADDRESSED TO SCHUMACHER BE PROVIDED EMBASSY FOR TRANSMITTAL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LODGE

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